U. H. J.

By the House of Burgesses October 2d 1696

Ordered that Major John Hammond Captain Richard Hill Mr Thomas Dixon and Captain Edward Blay go and inspect in the Roof of the new State House and make their Report to this House as to the Goodness and sufficiency thereof the said Gentlemen go out and return to the House and report that they find the same in all respects good and sufficient

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

Ordered that two of the Gentlemen of his Majestys honourable Council go and inspect the said Roof and make their Report thereon and that afterwards they go down to the House to acquaint them that his Excellency requires their attendance at this Board to see the Laws passed &c And accordingly went the honble Colo Hutchins and Colo Brown who return and say that they have viewed the Roof of the State House & find it to be very substantial and good and p. 922 further say that they have communicated his Excellencies Commands to the House who pursuant thereto are coming up

Mr Speaker with the House of Burgesses come up accordingly the last Resolves together with the Ordinance for quiet-

ing the minds of the people being publickly read over

Mr Robert Smith one of the members of the House of Burgesses being asked whether he knew Colo Cood in England does say he did know Colo Cood in England and that he was a minister at a place called penryn in England from whence he was turned out

Afterwards were presented three several Addresses fair drawn out in Order to be sent to his most Sacred Majesty two whereof were signed by his Excellency the Governor the Gentlemen of his Majestys honourable Council and the several members of the House of Burgesses the one being a congratulatory address and the other an address of thanks

The other address was signed by his Majestys honourable

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The honble Colo Henry Jowles Chancellor being sent for

came and was added

Then were presented the several Bills fair Engrossed and Assented to by his Majestys honourable Council and House of Burgesses for his Excellencies passing the same into Laws the Titles whereof were read over as follows vizt

A Supplicatory Act about the Commissaries Office An Act for securing the Parochial Libraries of this province